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Title: DEVICE FOR OPENING AND DISTRIBUTING A  
BUNDLE OF FILAMENTS WHEN PRODUCING A  
NONWOVEN TEXTILE WEB  
Examiner: Joseph S. Del Sole  
Docket No.: 34051 - Customer No. 00116

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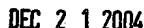
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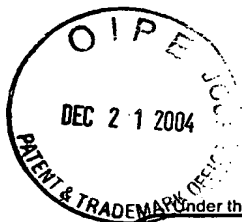
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